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Addendum

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CHAPTER III. PROGRAMME PLANNING: COUNTRY AND INTERCOUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS (continued)

Viet Nam

1. The Resident Representative presented the Viet Nam country programme (IPF of $92.8 million less a negative carry-over of $6.2 million borrowed in the fourth cycle), which will concentrate on the following areas: (a) support to the economic reform process; (b) support in key human development fields; (c) sustaining and strengthening economic performance; and (d) support for environmentally sustainable growth and human settlements development.

2. The highlights of the programme are the special role of UNDP as Viet Nam's primary development partner in the absence of other major multilateral and bilateral donors; its role in helping to build up an enabling environment for economic reform and investment; and its aid coordination and resource mobilization activities.

3. The country programme document was very well received by a large number of delegations represented in the Standing Committee. A total of 13 delegations took the floor in support of programme approval. They

commended the Resident Representative for his clear and comprehensive presentation, and for the important role UNDP is playing in Viet Nam.

4. Most speakers emphasized the special role of UNDP as a privileged partner in Viet Nam's development efforts and endorsed the Resident Representative's plea for increased external assistance to offset the fall in assistance from traditional donors from Eastern Europe. In that respect, the Resident Representative's efforts in paving the way for renewed assistance from international financial institutions and in organizing a round-table meeting in early 1993 were commended.

5. In reply to queries, it was emphasized that aid coordination, which would become crucial with the expected increase in aid flows, was the responsibility of the Government but that UNDP cooperation in the process was highly appreciated. Further transparency was required in the exchange of information among donors and more recent information was required from all sources to build up a meaningful data base. It was agreed that impact indicators were still too general in the country programme document but that particular attention would be given to devising them in the necessary detail, in programme and project documents. The pace of the introduction of national execution would depend on national capacity in that regard.